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With Justice To All  
And  
Malice Toward None

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## NEGRO CITIZENS LOOKING TOWARD 4th WAR LOAN MASONS GRAND LODGE HELD IN JACKSON, MISS.

The Fourth War Loan Drive is soon to get under way. This drive, as the former ones, will test our sincerity for peace. We can't just "Wish" our way to peace, if so, our boys would not be in uniform today. Peace costs something, lives and money, the less money, the more lives.

For the duration, we shall be called upon at intervals to purchase War Bonds and if we spend our money carefully and thoughtfully, we will be able to play our part in every drive. We must keep in mind, we have not done enough until it's all over there.

During this season, we all have a mutual feeling of sharing and giving, if we can carry this spirit over into the New Year, then we can meet each War Loan Drive with surety. We are separated from each other this year—Christmas will not be the same in most American homes. We realize that that Star of the East watches over us all and that our spirits are together but the face is not there in flesh, it was probably not there last year, and if we fail to do our part, it will not be there another Christmas.

Bond buying must not stop. Nothing gives us more pleasure than to know we have done our part. We do not ever want to face the embarrassment of not coming up to our part, therefore, we are urging, with more emphasis than at any other time, that Negroes not only in this country, but everywhere rally to the cause and buy heavily of the Nation's security.

If you were not able to buy bonds in the last drives, we feel sure your condition has improved by this time, so do not miss the Fourth Drive. If you can not buy bonds by the thousands of dollars, buy what you can, remember, every penny counts. It is a common habit among us to overlook little things. We often reach out for something big or fail to do something we can do, because we can not come up to what some one else does.

Diamond rings, costly furs and expensive clothes will pass away and are no compensation for the blood that rolls down the valleys from the wounds inflicted on our boys. The biggest thing we can do is buy bonds, and more bonds.

### Contest Nearing Close

Only a few more days and The Century Voice Subscription Contest will be over.

WHO WILL GET THE \$25.00 CASH PRIZE?

Last year Mr. M. S. Hazzard of the Greenwood District, carried off all prizes and it seems he is on a straight road this year, however, he has strong competition with Henry Pickett of Yazoo City District. During this contest, these two men have been running neck and neck, then Mr. Pickett got a jump ahead. At present it is hard to tell which of these two men have the better chance.

Other men in the contest are doing fine, and we would not be surprised if after all the contest ends in a "Turtle and Hare" type of race. You can never tell—so we want every contestant to do his utmost during the remaining days. The contest closes MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 31, 1943.

### Our Christmas Message

At this season of the year when people are thinking of God's precious gift to the world and making merry over the gifts of men; when gratefulness fills the air, we cannot overlook our debt of gratitude to those who have so loyally stood our program, who have cooperated with us in our efforts to publish a paper that informs, teaches and builds wherever it is read.

We thank our ad subscribers for the excellent way they have supported our cause and want to thank, especially those who freely gave to help us promote our Labor Program.

We would not overlook saying "Thank You" to our agents and friends who have sent us new subscribers during the year and to our readers for their good wishes. During the year we have attempted to give you something in return for your varied contributions and with the coming of the New Year, we hope to give you even a better paper.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

### Notice!

All Century Voice subscribers whose subscriptions have expired more than two months, their paper will be discontinued after this issue. SEND YOUR RENEWAL TODAY TO:

THE CENTURY VOICE,  
BOX #95,  
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

### An Important Message

Dr. A. A. Cooley, President of the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Vicksburg, a convention which we hail as the greatest Baptist State Convention among Negro Baptists in America and a President that holds rank with the outstanding church leaders of the world, and one whom we delight to honor, Officers, Board Members and the whole Baptist family of this Convention:

After praying and thinking of the great work that has been done in the last three years under the leadership of our President, Dr. A. A. Cooley, how he has raised 1943 from all sources around \$50,000.00, counting the money raised by the convention and each auxiliary for all, are subject to the parent body and works by the guiding hand of the parent body, I am convinced this is the greatest Convention among Negro Baptists. While still praying and thinking about what we have done this year; we have paid the notes up to date on our bonded debt, and with the teachers in our school, Natchez College, paid up to date, with more money left in the treasury, I am convinced that we have the man to lead us out of debt.

I am still praying and thinking. This seems to be a time when all churches and other Christian bodies are paying out of debt, regardless of how long a period they have before them; it seems that they have set themselves to the task of paying out in 1944.

I am praying that we will whip the Germans, if not before, in 1944, therefore, Mr. President, I suggest that we, the General Baptist State Convention, under your wise and painstaking leadership, put on a campaign to pay our bonded debt to the Afro-American Sons and Daughters in July 1944. That we may free Natchez College and the General Baptist State Convention of debt in 1944. I further suggest that a mass meeting be called at your will and time, and place, and that the entire state be organized and set to this great task, so that each county and district association and every auxiliary and every member of this big Baptist family will go to it and lay on the table in July, in Yazoo City, Mississippi \$75,000.00.

I now pledge that the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress will bring you \$3,000.00. I suggest that we go to it with our great President, Dr. A. A. Cooley leading, and a wise and discreet minister as campaign manager to take the field and tell the good news and get ready a people whom I believe will do the job.

Now Mr. President and brethren, this is my humble suggestion. What says the President and the Convention? I would like to hear from those who think we can do it, if the President thinks well of same.

I am yours to serve,  
J. W. GAYDEN.

### In Appreciation

The Editor of the Century Voice, takes this method to publicly acknowledge his appreciation for the following letter received:

Vaughan, Mississippi,  
Route 1, Box 34  
December 12, 1943.

Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr.,  
Yazoo City, Miss.

Dear Sir:

You gave me a few papers to distribute among my friends and they were so pleased with them, that they subscribed. Here are the following names and three dollars:

Judge L. Johnson, the above address;  
Mrs. Emma Banks, Route 2, c/o C. C. Swayze, Benton, Miss.

Mrs. Jeff Ewell, Rte. 1, Box 38, Vaughan, Miss.  
Mrs. Viola Nelson, Rte. 1, Box 41, Vaughan, Miss.  
Mrs. Mary Wood, Route 1, Box 36, Vaughan, Miss.  
Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Route 1, Box 56, Vaughan, Miss.  
You didn't ask me to do this, but I didn't think you would mind.

Yours truly,

J. L. JOHNSON.

No, Sir, Mr. Johnson, we certainly did not mind and we are very grateful for this deed of kindness. The spirit you have shown is the spirit that will keep doors open and open new doors for our people. We would like to say to our other friends who received a bundle of our papers for November, "Go Thou and Do Likewise"

### Three Yazoo High School No. 2 Boys

#### Write Home

Somewhere in the Service of the United States Army, three young men, William, Arnold and Joe, all just budding into manhood, gave vent to their reminiscences by writing a touching letter to their school principal and faculty. The letter, perhaps, expresses the state of mind of thousands of Negro boys scattered over the universe, but to us who know these three boys, it brings a special and personal message.

One of the highest honors that can come to any school is that which its students bestow upon it and the work of the principal and faculty does not reach its height until it gives the student something with which to face and solve life's perplexing problems.

We know that Principal Taylor and the faculty of Yazoo High School No. 2, feel proud to know that they have been instrumental in helping to make the War paths for William, Arnold and Joe, more passable. To know that their labor is being rewarded across the borders of the United States must bring an indescribable joy.

It gives us a feeling of great satisfaction to know that Principal Taylor, Yazoo High School No. 2 Faculty and Student Body are not only behind Sgt. Fletcher, Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Johnson with their prayers but with War Bonds and stamps as well.

The letter follows:

Btry. C, 77th AAA Gun Bn.  
APO 932, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California.  
November 18, 1943.

Dear Principal and Faculty:

May we take this time to extend to you a letter of appreciation for the education and social training that we received while in your midst. We have taken advantage of this knowledge and words, here, will not unveil our deepest gratitude. The memory of those exciting and benignant school days cannot be blotted from our minds and will be treasured forever.

We are proud to be able to bear the name of your school, and too, we feel that the tie that binds us together cannot be broken.

As we go on in this war, fighting for better things in life, everlasting peace and the pursuit of happiness, we would appreciate the prayers and good wishes of the school.

Yours respectfully,

SGT. WILLIAM F. FLETCHER.

SGT. ARNOLD SMITH

SGT. JOE L. JOHNSON

### IN THE BULLETIN

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Mr. C. H. Galloway, Worshipful Master of the local Rising Sun Lodge of Masons here, brought an excellent report of the Mason's Grand Lodge which recently closed at Jackson, Mississippi. The people of Jackson are to be highly complimented for the fine spirit of hospitality shown the delegation; friendliness and courteousness were marked throughout the session.

Fully 2,500 delegates attended the session; they represented practically all parts of the state and remained for the entire session. Both men and women showed great enthusiasm and interest in the proceedings of the meeting.

The meeting was held in divisions, meeting at various churches in the city. The Women met at the Parish Street Baptist Church and the men at Central Methodist Church. The Lodge of Sorrow was held at Pearl Street A.M.E. Church, all of the meetings were interesting and brimmed full of wholesome information.

Many outstanding persons were present, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dobbs of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Dobbs is Grand Master for the state of Georgia. Mr. W. W. Allen, Grand Master of Maryland, Mr. Zack Alexander and Mr. J. F. Brown.

Hon. Jno. L. Webb, Grand Master of Mississippi was present and was at his best throughout the session. This was the 68th Confab and was said to be one of the greatest ever held.

### Resigns

Mrs. Laura Lane, wife of Dr. Geo. H. Lane, of Greenwood, Mississippi, resigned her position here as Demonstrator of Yazoo County. Mrs. Lane was an excellent demonstrator and the efficiency of her work will hardly be surpassed by any one. During the years of her service, her friendliness endeared her to the people of Yazoo County and Yazoo City and they deeply regret her leaving. So far as The Voice has been able to learn, Mrs. Lane's only reason (and we must say she could not have a better) for leaving is to be at home and keep house for her husband. She will always be remembered, kindly, by the people here.

### Statement Issued

The following joint Anglo-American statement on submarine and anti-submarine operations is issued under the authority of the President and the Prime Minister:

Anti U-Boat operations in November have been notable, for the enemy has achieved little for the great effort he has exerted. The number of merchant vessels sunk by U-boats in November is less than in any other month since May, 1940.

By means of aircraft operating from Azores we have been able to improve protection to our convoys and to diminish area in which enemy U-boats were free from attack by our forces.

The enemy has used long range aircraft to assist in concentrating U-boats on our convoy routes but in spite of this our escort and counterattack has been effective.

The caution of the enemy U-boats has lessened the number of opportunities presented to our forces for striking at them. Nevertheless, the number of U-boats sunk in November has again exceeded the number of their victims.

### Warning

The consumer table of point values for rationed meat, which became effective last Sunday, takes into account the emergency two-point cut in pork point values made last November 19, and retailers should not sell pork for less than the point values listed on the new tables, the Office of Price Administration explained today.

Many pork products listed on the new table retain the full two-point reduction made in mid-November, while others—particularly hams and bacon—are raised one point from the emergency level.

In all cases, however, the listed values are the current point values. Some retailers have mistakenly assumed that December pork point values are two points below those appearing on the new table.

The mid-November emergency cut in pork values followed the action of the War Food Administration in lifting restrictions on the delivery of farm slaughtered pork. The December point values are at a relatively low level in order to move the large amount of pork expected to be available for rationing during the month. Of the total amount of meat available for civilians during December, more than 50 per cent is made up of pork and pork products.